COVID-19 VACCINE

Latest Updates & Resources



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FDA EXPANDS USE OF PFIZER VACCINE

On Monday, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration amended the Emergency Use Authorization for the Pfizer vaccine to:

- Expand booster eligibility to include individuals 12 through 15 years of age.
- Reduce the time between Pfizer's primary series and a booster dose to at least 5 months.
- Allow for a third primary series dose for certain immunocompromised children 5 through 11 years of age.

*The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has <u>updated</u> <u>its recommendations</u> to include the first two authorizations. The Advisory Commission on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is expected to release guidance and the CDC to follow late today with a recommendation regarding Pfizer boosters for children age 12 to 15.

J&J VACCINE NEWS

Last month, the CDC authorized the recommendation of its advisory committee for individuals to receive an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) over Johnson & Johnson (J&J).

This recommendation is based on a rare adverse side effect among other concerns. The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) no longer offers J&J at its clinics. **REMEMBER:** Getting any vaccination is better than not being vaccinated at all. Individuals should discuss the risks and benefits with a healthcare professional.



To date, **3,568,721** Hoosiers have been fully vaccinated!

UPDATED GUIDANCE

The CDC recently <u>updated its guidance</u> for quarantine and isolation. Consider this quarantine option if you need a little extra incentive to make the decision to get vaccinated:

 If you are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, you do not need to quarantine if you have received all of the vaccination doses you are eligible to receive. You should wear a mask around others for 10 days after the exposure.

Please note that close contacts should get tested five days after contact. If you test positive or develop COVID-19 symptoms, isolate from other people and follow other <u>isolation recommendations</u>.

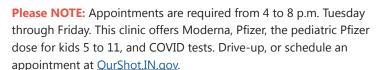
HOW TO FIND A VACCINE CLINIC

Check out OurShot.IN.gov or text your zip code to 438829 to find a site near you for either your first vaccine or your booster dose. Use this booster eligibility <u>chart</u> for reference, and remember that you can mix and match booster doses. Please note that boosters for individuals age 12 to 15 are pending approval from ACIP and CDC.

REMINDER: You are not considered boosted until 2 weeks after you have received your booster dose.

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY HOURS EXTENDED

IndyCar parking lot, 4551 W. 16th St., IndyThe drive-thru clinic continues now through Jan. 22.



Dates & Times thru Jan. 22:

Tuesdays - Fridays: Noon - 4 p.m. (no appointments, drive-up only)

Tuesdays - Fridays: 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. (appointment required)

Saturdays: 8 a.m. - Noon (appointments available but not required)

Helpful Resources

- What you can do if you are <u>fully vaccinated.</u>
- Know a homebound individual who needs a vaccine? Call 211. Agents can help.
- Get proof of vaccination at Access Indiana. Look for "Indiana Vaccination Portal".
- Register for a vaccination appointment at <u>OurShot.IN.gov</u> (Chrome or Firefox). Call Indiana 211 or (1-866-211-9966) if you have difficulty registering online.
- Free rides to vaccine clinics are offered by IU Health. Call 1.888.IUHEALTH (1.888.484.3258) and choose option 9.
 - o Free rides are also available to vaccination appointments at select **Kroger locations**. You will receive a code to use for Lyft ridesharing service with your appointment confirmation.
- Learn about V-Safe, the after-vaccination health checker, and the new V-safe COVID-19 Pregnancy Registry.
- V-safe is also available now in multiple languages.
- Report any adverse effects from any vaccine to the Vaccine Adverse Effect Reporting System (VAERS).

